

# Property Maintenance Responsibilities

## YARDS AND LOTS

**Overgrown Vegetation:** No grass or weeds over 10 inches tall. An overgrown yard contributes to an unkempt look and feel to a neighborhood, and can harbor pests, trash and hazards. Keep it nice and tidy. No excessive overgrowth with the shrubbery. If a tree or branch falls, remove it from your property.

**Litter and Debris:** Litter, debris, garbage, animal excrement: if it's on your property, you're responsible for picking it up. If you're going to store items on your property, they can't be visible from the street or lane.



**Fences:** All fences must be constructed or repaired using materials specifically designed for fence construction. Tin or plastic roofing materials and doors are not allowed. Fences must not be in disrepair.

## STRUCTURES

**All Buildings:** The exterior needs to be in good shape structurally and free of deferred maintenance. Some examples of deferred maintenance include peeling paint, missing or damaged gutters, broken windows, damaged roofing or chimneys, damaged porch or steps, tarps, and siding that shows signs of neglect.

**Vacant Buildings:** All vacant buildings must be structurally sound and secured in a manner to prevent unauthorized entry.

**Occupied Buildings:** A person shall not occupy as an owner-occupant or permit another person to occupy any premises that are not safe and sanitary. Some examples of violations include broken wiring or fixtures, leaking plumbing pipes, damaged walls or flooring, unsanitary conditions or signs of pests.

**Accessory Structures/Storage Buildings:** All accessory structures including storage buildings (rear or side yards only), detached garages, fences and walls must be maintained, structurally sound, and kept in good repair.

**Derelict Rental:** Everyone deserves to live in well-kept housing, regardless of whether they own or rent. And everyone should expect neighboring properties to be kept up, free of criminality, and not overcrowded, regardless of whether the neighbors are owners or renters. The City has a special ordinance focused on landlords who keep their properties in chronically derelict conditions or allow criminality to persist. The more times the landlord is cited, the higher the fines.

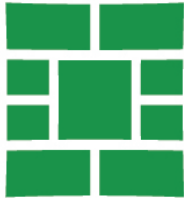
## VEHICLES

**Parking:** Vehicles are not allowed in the front yard except on an established driveway, or parallel and within 5 feet of an established driveway. Vehicles, boats, or trailers in good condition may be placed in the side or rear yards and must not be parked on vacant lots.

No inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicle shall be parked, kept, or stored on any premises unless enclosed in an accessory building so as not to be visible from the street, lane, or adjoining property.

# SAVANNAH

Sanitation Department



## SANITATION SERVICES GUIDE

### Trash and Garbage

All trash and garbage must be disposed of in a clean and sanitary manner by placing such items into a Sanitation Department provided container for pick-up. Exceptions include small items that are not easily containerized. Residents are responsible for keeping their cart clean.

### Bulk Item Pick-Up

Large items (appliances, furniture, mattresses) are scheduled to be collected weekly without additional charge, provided they can be loaded in less than five minutes. Items taking longer than five minutes to load may be picked up at a later time and be subject to additional service fees. Large items should be set out beside your refuse cart at the regular collection point.

Month	Day	Garbage Collection Day	Recycling Collection Day	Bulk Item Pick-Up
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### Yard Waste

Leaves, grass or sticks should be placed in brown biodegradable paper bags (15 bag limit) or containers (not City-issued carts) no more that 30 gallons in size. Larger sticks may be placed in small bundles of less than 4 feet that take no more than 5 minutes to remove. Yard waste bundles must be less than 4 feet in length, 12 inches or less in diameter, and weigh 40 pounds or less.

## City Contact Information

311 Customer Service Line.....	311
Residential Refuse Collection.....	651-6582
Property Maintenance Department.....	651-6770
Recycling & Litter.....	651-1967
Refuse Disposal (Landfill)/Bacon Park.....	651-6626

**PLEASE REMEMBER:** Trash & Recycling carts should have a minimum of 3 feet separation from each other at curbside and should be at least 3 feet from mail boxes and other obstructions.

## Curbside Recycling

Your black and yellow cart is your link to the City's state-of-the-art curbside recycling system, called "single-stream recycling." Single-stream recycling allows you to drop all of your recyclables -- plastic and glass bottles, metal cans, paper and cardboard -- into one, big cart. The sorting of those materials happens on our end at a processing facility. Your job is to ensure that only recyclables are tossed in the black cart, and nonrecyclable household garbage/trash is tossed in the green cart. We offer this guide as a handy reference to help you decide what goes where.



### WHAT ITEMS CAN BE RECYCLED?



- Plastic Bottles, Jugs, and Containers - #1 thru #7 such as soda, juice and water bottles; yogurt and margarine containers; or detergent and shampoo bottles (emptied, rinsed, and without tops or lids)
- Tin, steel, and bi-metal used food cans (emptied and rinsed)
- Aluminum beverage cans (rinsed)
- Glass bottles and jars (clear and colored; emptied, rinsed, without caps or tops)
- Paper items such as newspapers and inserts, junk mail, magazines, catalogs, phonebooks, paper back books, white and colored paper (without wax coating)
- Cardboard boxes (flattened), paperboard, brown bags (damp cardboard and paper products will not be accepted and are considered contaminants)
- Carton Recycling (Shelf stable and refrigerated)

### WHAT ITEMS CAN NOT BE RECYCLED?

- Household waste, food waste, or foodtainted items
- Yard waste or dry trash
- Plastic grocery and trash bags
- Styrofoam cups, containers, or packaging
- Hazardous household waste
- Automotive or electrical parts or materials
- Building and construction materials
- Medical waste or pharmaceuticals
- Wet or damp cardboard, pasteboard, or paper products
- Disposable diapers and tissues
- Cookware, dinnerware, pots and pans
- Wax paper and wax coated items
- Furniture and appliances
- Glass windows, mirrors, and lightbulbs
- Paper food trays
- Non-paper envelopes, carbon paper
- Items requiring special handling: lead, acid batteries, tires, liquid waste, paint, pesticides and herbicides



## City Street Sweepers

### STREET SWEEPER PRECAUTIONS

Did you know that the following are a violation of City Ordinance?

- Sweeping, blowing or raking leaves into the street.
- Dumping grass trimmings onto the street.
- Piling limbs in the street.
- Placing bags of leaves in the street.
- Putting broken appliances, vehicle parts, toys, or trash in the street.

Don't place anything in the street that could obstruct the path of the sweeper. Piles of leaves and other materials are bypassed by sweepers due to safety concerns. Leaves piled in the street or blown into the gutters add to surface water pollution and may also clog our storm water system causing flooding. Note the street sweeper hours for your street and make sure not to park in the sweeper zone during that time. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in additional service charges, citations, and further enforcement actions.

***If you witness anyone piling leaves or placing objects in the street please call 311 and report it to the 311 Customer Service Call Center. For additional information: [www.savannahga.gov](http://www.savannahga.gov)***

### Sanitation Fee Schedule - As of January 2018

*(Fees are subject to change by City Council action)*

#### Residential Refuse Collection

Solid waste fee	\$34.51 per month
Additional collection carts	\$50 per cart
Cart return fee	\$25
Trash Overflow	\$25
Special Collection Fee - first 15 minutes	\$50
Every additional 15 minutes	\$25

#### Street Cleaning

Parking in a sweeping zone	\$25
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#### Recycling & Litter

Recycling cart contamination fee	\$25
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Additional Recycling Cart	\$50 per cart
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#### Property Maintenance

Parking in yard	\$25
Lot clearing administration fee	\$165
Building condemnation/demolition administration fee	\$300
Reinspection Fee (initial)	\$50
Second & subsequent reinspection fee	\$100

Visit the City of Savannah's website at [www.savannahga.gov/sanitation](http://www.savannahga.gov/sanitation) for current sanitation fees and other information.